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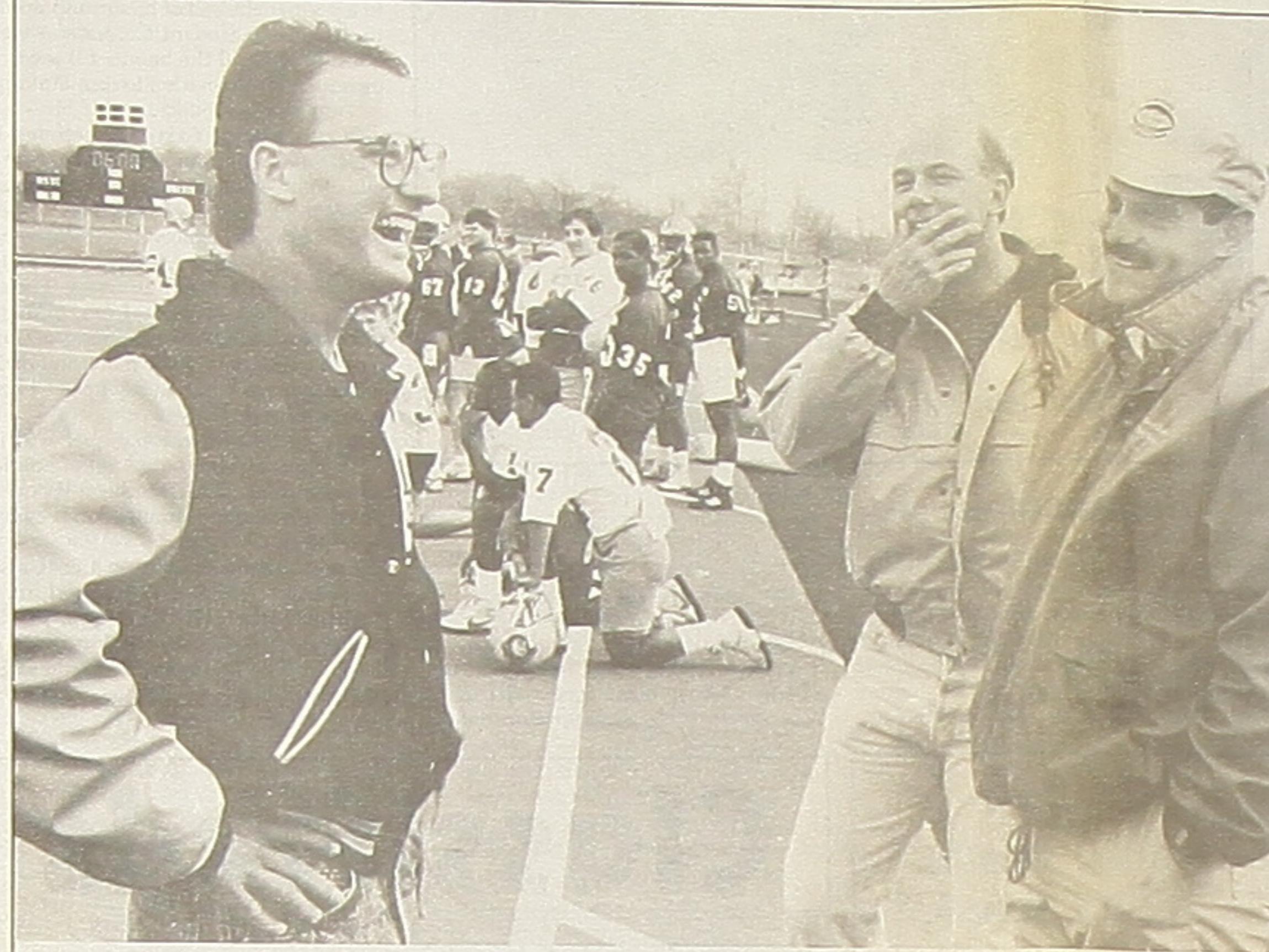
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Reunion

Alan Brown and his father, Terry, visit with coach Jon Lantz during last Thursday's "homecoming" with the football Lions. On Sunday Brown received the E.O. and Virginia Humphrey award.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Child-care rates may see increase

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The cost of child care at Missouri Southern could go up next fall as College officials will sit down soon to decide whether an increase is needed.

Problems of short supplies and small teacher salaries are causing concern at the College's child-care facility, located in the Taylor Education and Psychology Building.

"It's a possibility that rates could go up," said Sharyl Ritschel, child-care director. "Right now, I don't have any idea. At this time, I haven't heard about an increase."

Currently, the center services 60 children, with the cost of a full day's care at \$8. The center charges \$6 for a half day.

Secret balloting draws mixed faculty reaction

Advocates of voting method claim it avoids coercion

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A policy of secret ballot voting instituted by the Faculty Senate two months ago has drawn mixed reactions from the faculty.

Approved by the Senate 17-5 at its Feb. 19 meeting, the policy provides for all substantive issues to be decided in a secret ballot vote.

The president of the Senate or the parliamentarian would decide in each case if the issue was substantive. However, according to Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications and Senate parliamentarian, a substantive issue would include "one where there is some controversy" or a matter other than procedural.

Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science and chairperson of the faculty welfare committee which introduced the proposal, said the idea arose from a concern over a perception that the senators' voting habits were being influenced by administrators present at Senate meetings.

"It was felt that the Senate has come under a lot of criticism from many members of the faculty, and this includes members of the Senate and leaders of the Senate," she said. "It was felt that this might be one way that would give members of the Senate the independence to encourage them to vote more substantively on issues."

St. Clair said although the new policy is meant to prevent the influence of administrators on senators, a problem may

most of the parents who bring their children to the child-care facility are students at the College.

Ritschel said she has received no complaints from parents about the current rates. Parents are given the option of paying on a weekly, monthly, or semester basis.

"Most of our parents are good about paying their bills, so we really haven't had complaints," she said.

The center, established in 1985, was intended to be a self-supporting facility, according to Ritschel. The center's only income is through parent fees.

The center has a state license and is operated year-round.

"Whatever salaries or supplies we need we have to pay for," she said.

While Ritschel said she does not know

if an increase will occur, she believes it is needed.

"Right now we are feeling a crunch," she said. "Our teachers did not get a raise where other staff across the campus did. There is also a problem with supplies."

Though Ritschel is able to make proposals to the administration, she would not say whether she would propose an increase. How much of an increase that is needed is still unknown.

"I don't know yet what kind of increase

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Planetary concern

Southern students and area residents wait for the next musical performance at Sunday afternoon's Earth Day festivities at the College biology pond.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

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Brown makes return after intensive therapy Quarterback receives senior honor

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

After six months of intensive therapy, senior quarterback Alan Brown celebrated his own "homecoming" to Missouri Southern last week.

Brown sustained serious head injuries in a car accident Oct. 29 on the Oklahoma Will Rogers Turnpike. Teammates David Gossett and Jim Mazzocchi also were critically injured in the accident that claimed the life of freshman Blake Riley.

While on campus for alumni festivities, Brown was the subject of many interviews by the local media. He said he felt honored by the special attention and was glad he was able to share his story.

"I am really glad to see everyone," said Brown, who was in a drug-induced coma for almost a month after the accident. "It is nice to come home. I really appreciate the things I have much more. I just wish the circumstances of the visit were different."

Brown said Riley's father phoned him while he was at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

"Blake's dad was nice and very supportive of me," he said. "But I feel very bad for his family."

Brown is still wearing a brace on his left leg to correct a "club-foot" condition that developed while he was in the coma. He undergoes speech and mobility therapy from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every day at a rehabilitation facility in Phoenix, Ariz., his hometown.

"I have to wear the brace for three more weeks," he said. "I still have more therapy to do. There is still a long way to go. I am getting very impatient. My progress is too slow. I want to be back like I was right now."

Aside from the brace, Brown is not suffering from any permanent injuries. He said doctors told him he recovered so well because of his good physical condition prior to the accident.

"They told me if I was not a football player, I would have never survived."

At the annual all-sports cookout held Sunday, Brown was named the recipient of the E.O. and Virginia Humphrey award for outstanding senior athlete. Brown said he was "very touched" to receive the honor.

Jon Lantz, head football coach, said Brown was the "obvious choice" for the senior athlete of the year.

"Athletic ability is only one-fourth of the award," Lantz said. "The recipient is also judged on leadership, respect for the team, and loyalty. Alan was the obvious hands-down choice for the award."

Lantz said he thought Brown's visit to the campus last weekend was "needed by all of us."

"Alan is not the only one who needed to come visit," he said. "We all needed to be reassured by seeing his progress. Some people felt awkward around Alan, some just left him alone, but there were a lot of people who just treated him the same."

Terry Brown, Alan's father, accompanied his son to Joplin and attended the cookout/award ceremony.

"It was great," he said. "Alan was really touched by the award. It was perfect because Alan felt really apprehensive about coming back to Southern. It made our visit back even better."

Brown said he is hoping to return to Southern in January to complete his degree in marketing and management.

"I received incompletes in my classes I had last fall," he said. "I am a junior academically and only need three more semesters to graduate. I am really anxious to finish."

Lantz thinks the best is yet to come for Brown, who holds many of Southern's career passing records.

"I am encouraged by what I see in Alan," he said. "I saw him seven weeks ago, but he is even better now."

"The weekend itself sums up the way people feel about Alan and shows what a special person he is. I feel like a second father to him."

"Alan Brown is every coach's dream. He is tougher than the average Joe."

Group looks to aid higher education

A commission of Missouri business and education leaders will meet early next month to examine the needs of higher education as it heads into the next century.

The Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission, established via a recently signed bill in the state legislature, consists of state education, business, and political officials.

"There were several bills filed last year to raise taxes for higher education," said College President Julio Leon. "One of the bills called for the formation of a commission of citizens to study the needs of higher education in Missouri. The tax increase portions did not go through, but the formation of the commission was approved."

The commission, scheduled to meet May 7 in Jefferson City, will examine several topics including the idea of restructuring higher education in Missouri so public four-year colleges and universities would be organized into a separate university system. Sam Cook, chairman of the commission and a member of the University of Missouri board of curators, is an advocate of such a move.

At a seminar on governing higher education in February, several University of Missouri curators urged giving the Coordinating Board for Higher Education more power to eliminate duplicative programs.

"We need to consider ways the public and the independent institutions can work together more effectively to meet the state's needs," Cook said. "We may find it necessary to consider the question of governance of higher education."

Though the commission met in Febr-

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Carthage sculptor to create three memorials of Webster

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

In honor of the late Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage), an area sculptor has been commissioned to create three bronze memorials.

Last week Bill Snow made his proposal for the three memorials to the Carthage Rotary Club, of which Webster was a member. The bulk of the money to complete the project will come from the club, and Snow also anticipates receiving funds from citizens and the Senator Webster Memorial Fund.

Snow, who also is from Carthage, knew Webster for the last 20 years. The two became acquainted through the community and the First Christian Church in Carthage.

"I had always admired and appreciated the contributions that he made to the community as well as statewide," Snow said. "He was always a man you could talk to. If you had a problem or anything, he was always there."

The idea for the statues originated a year ago when Snow was approached by some of Webster's classmates who wanted a memorial to him placed in Carthage High School. After that, different groups began tossing the idea around. Missouri Southern became a natural choice to display a statue, considering Webster's support of the College. However, the project never got off the ground before Webster's March 4 death.

"This is something I had talked to Mrs. Webster about before Dick had died," Snow said. "Probably the only reason we hadn't done this before is because we couldn't get him to sit still long enough."

"I talked to Mrs. Webster after Dick

had died and got her blessing on the project to make sure it was something she wanted to go on with."

Snow, 51, has been sculpting seriously for about 10 years. He previously has created works of Lowell Davis, Bob Tommey, Pat Phelps, and Marlin Perkins. He works in a studio in his home.

When the project is completed, there will be three memorials, one delegated to Missouri Southern, one to Carthage, and one to the State Capitol.

Snow said Webster had been humbled at the idea of recreating his likeness.

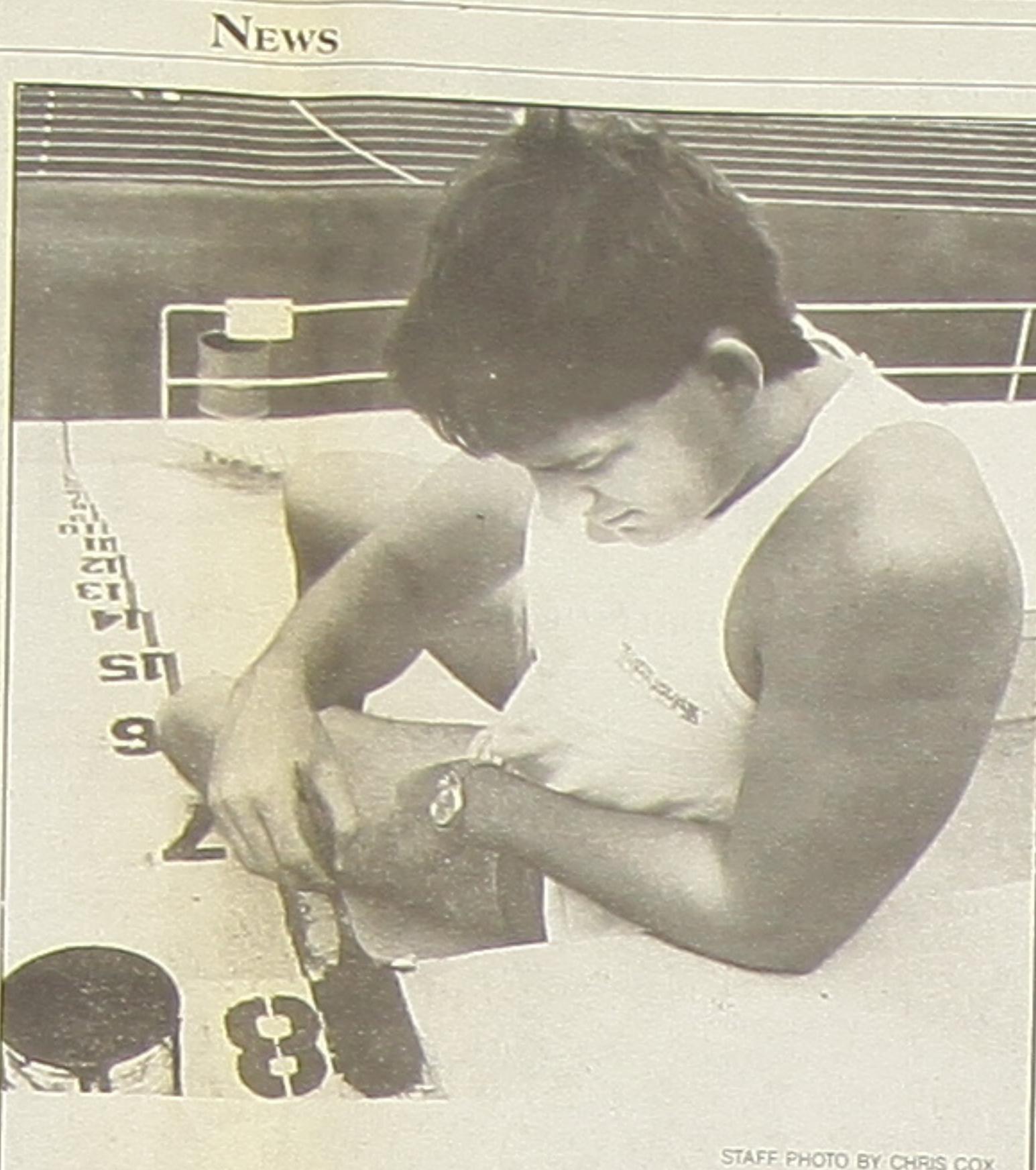
"I'm sure he was the type of man who would think he hadn't done anything to deserve it, but that's not the case."

Although no decisions have been made on how the final composition of the memorials will look, several ideas have been proposed. A bust-size statue, which would depict the senator from the shoulders up, will cost \$3,500. Snow believes, however, a statue portraying him from the waist up, perhaps holding a law book in his hand, might do him more justice. This would cost around \$13,500.

Snow expects to start work on the project in approximately 30 days. Although it will be a time-consuming project, ranging from six months to a year to complete one statue, Snow believes it is well worth the effort.

"Dick just gave his whole life to the community and the state of Missouri," he said. "I think this is the least we can do to honor a man of his stature. He gave so much and we can at least give back a small portion of it."

"He was a loving, caring man. He was always there for Missouri Southern."



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Odd job

Mark Tedford, a tight end on the football team, paints numbers Monday on the steps of Hughes Stadium. Injured players are given odd jobs by the coaches.

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there would be, or even if there would be an increase," said Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs. "I'm going to sit down with Sid Shouse (assistant to the vice president for business affairs) and we'll take a look at it. It will be another week or so before we know anything.

"We'd like the child-care center to be as self supporting as possible."

When it was established, the center received a donation from the Missouri Southern Foundation for \$60,000 for construction. Other monies were slated to offset expenses such as supplies and labor.

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Group plans to recognize contributors

Contributors to the College will receive thanks soon as the Missouri Southern Foundation holds its annual Lantern Society banquet.

According to Sue Billingsly, foundation director, the society is made up of individuals and businesses who have contributed \$500 or more over the College's history.

"We felt several years ago that it would be some nice way to honor these people who help Missouri Southern," she said.

Members of the society also are included in a permanent hall of honor displayed in the Billingsly Student Center stairwell.

Billingsly said the banquet is a way of expressing appreciation for a maintained interest in the College.

"Our purpose is to keep a continued interest and commitment to the College by our alumni, friends, and corporations."

Billingsly said the area and the College benefit from the society and the banquet.

"It stimulates the interest of all the alumni, faculty, and businesses. The entire tri-state area benefits from coming to the campus to see what's going on, and it encourages them to be more supportive when they see what an asset the College is to the community."

The agenda for the banquet will include remarks from outgoing foundation president Gene Wild, College President Julio Leon, and new foundation president Jim Spicer.

The jazz band, led by Bob Meeks, assistant professor of music, will perform.

The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the pavilion near the biology pond or in the Connor Ballroom in the case of inclement weather. More than 350 people are expected to attend.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

1-1212-20 A mail room clerk is needed in a local hospital. They will be willing to train an interested person. Hours will be M-F, 7 a.m.-noon. Pay scale is 4.60/hr. Come by the student employment office for more info.

6-2375-1 Do you have 3-4 hours available in your schedule? There is an odd job that is open immediately. Someone is needed to rake and seed a lawn. Pay is 4/hr. Come by HH Rm 114F for more info on this job.

2-1108-1 A Joplin bank is looking for a part-time teller. Hours vary during the day from Monday-Saturday. Must be able to count money and have cashier skills. Pay is 4.34/hr. This job won't be around long so hurry to the student employment office for more info.

2-1045-6 Do you have an interest in music? A local restaurant is looking for someone to be a disc jockey—they will train if needed. Hours are 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 2 days per week. Pay will be four dollars per hour. If this sounds like a job for you, come by the student employment office ASAP.

1-2374-1 Are you interested in some spending money over the summer? A babysitter is needed in a Joplin home for an 18 month boy. Pay will be \$10/day or \$2/hr. Hours are 8-14 days/week. The job will be from June 4 to July 26th. Come by the student employment office HH 114F, for more details.

1-2373-1 A babysitter is needed in a Webb City home. The children are ages 10 (twins) and 12. Hours would be 8-5:15. M-F. Pay scale is \$90-\$100/wk. Come by the student employment office if you need a good summer job and are interested in children.

5-1255-8 Do you like a change of scenery every once in a while? A local department store is looking for a sales clerk to float around. Cash register experience is required. All shifts are open 15-20 hours per week. Pay scale is 3.85-4.25/hr. Check with the student employment office for more information.

4-1255-7 A local department store is looking for a person to work in the credit department. 10-key knowledge is a must along with cash register experience. Other duties will be light typing and running the switchboard. Hours will be 5-9, Saturday and Sunday only with one Sunday per month off. Pay scale is \$4/hr. Come by the student employment office for more info.

3-2168-6 A 3-shift computer operator is needed at a local company. Must have knowledge of an IBM 3090 and mainframe computers. The position is full-time, 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Come by HH Rm 114F, the student employment office, as soon as possible to find out more.

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Student Senate election features only two races

Hanewinkle, Jakse run for presidency

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Elections for Student Senate offices will take place Monday in the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Those not able to vote Monday can pick up an absentee ballot tomorrow in the student services office.

Juniors Mary Hanewinkle and Tiffany Jakse are contesting the Senate's top spot, the office of president.

Jakse was attracted to the race after realizing "this was something I could be good at."

"I knew it was going to take a lot of time," she said. "I asked other people about it and they told me I would be good at it. I thought there is no reason not to do it."

Jakse said there are not any major changes she would like to see take place under her leadership.

Senate gives PBL \$433

Student senators approved a motion of support last night for campus-wide elimination of non-biodegradable products.

In its last official meeting of the semester, a motion was made by senator Tiffany Jakse that would have thrown the Senate's proposal behind the elimination of all non-biodegradable products on campus.

On request of senator Jerry West, the Senate amended the motion, adding its support of campus recycling.

Senate president Sara Woods reminded senators their action on the issue was symbolic in nature.

"This is more of a moral statement," Woods said, "rather than saying what can or can't be done on campus."

The motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, a motion tabled

"Most of that is done by the general Senate members," she said. "I will just try to do my best to do what the students want to be done and that any action that can be taken is done."

Hanewinkle believes the Senate's accessibility to the students is important.

"We shouldn't be there just to dole out funds," she said. "That's important, but we need to be there for the students when they have questions and concerns."

"Our job should be more than to be bank tellers," Hanewinkle added. "I'm not saying we'll have major issues all the time, but the students should have the opportunity to come before the Senate and tell somebody of their concerns."

This year, just two offices are being contested. Junior Karen Taylor stands as the lone candidate for vice president, and sophomore Pamela Chong is the only candidate for secretary. Sophomore Lory St. Clair and junior Martha McGuire are contesting the treasurer's post.

Though Taylor is running unopposed, she still believes strongly in some issues, such as the College's decision not to allow condom machines on campus.



Mary Hanewinkle



Tiffany Jakse

"I think that's an important issue for students on this campus," she said. "The administration here isn't looking at this as

a health issue but instead as a moral issue. That's the wrong way to go about it."

In her bid for treasurer, St. Clair be-

lieves her experience on the Senate finance committee will be an advantage.

"I've been on the Senate for two years and both years I have been on the finance committee," St. Clair said. "This year, in [current treasurer] Anna Miller's absence, I was the acting treasurer. That proved I could do it, and it proved to me that's what I wanted to do."

St. Clair believes clubs and organizations need to establish themselves with student services before they ask for money from the Senate.

"The Senate tries to keep a precedent," she said. "When they don't follow procedure, then it becomes hard for us to allocate to them the money they need."

McGuire believes her experience with monetary matters would prove valuable. McGuire is president of the National Association of Accountants chapter at Missouri Southern.

"As an accounting major, I could see some principles I could apply that are not being used," she said. "It is just natural that I'm a little more informed on how to handle money. I've been studying it for the past three years."

since February was resurrected. The motion proposed that the maximum amount of money the Senate could allocate each semester to an individual club or organization be raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The motion failed unanimously.

"An organization can get \$2,000 a year from the Senate," said Sam Ellis, Senate secretary. "I think that's sufficient."

Under new business, a request from Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization, was given first and second reading. PBL was asking for \$500 to attend a national leadership conference in Washington, D.C. July 6-9. The finance committee recommended \$433, and it passed unanimously. The exacting figure was due to a previous allocation this semester to PBL of \$567.

The allocation to PBL leaves the Senate with just \$306.61 in the budget.

ary, little was accomplished due to busy schedules of those on the commission. Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education and a member of the commission, hopes more will be done during the May meeting.

"We want to get some agreement at the meeting so we can try to get some of these

things off the ground," McClain said. "It's difficult to get everyone together because so many different things are going on."

The legislative session is expected to end May 18, and McClain is worried that some politicians on the commission may be more worried about accomplishing last-minute tasks before the legislature

recesses. The commission has set a December deadline to formulate ideas for a report.

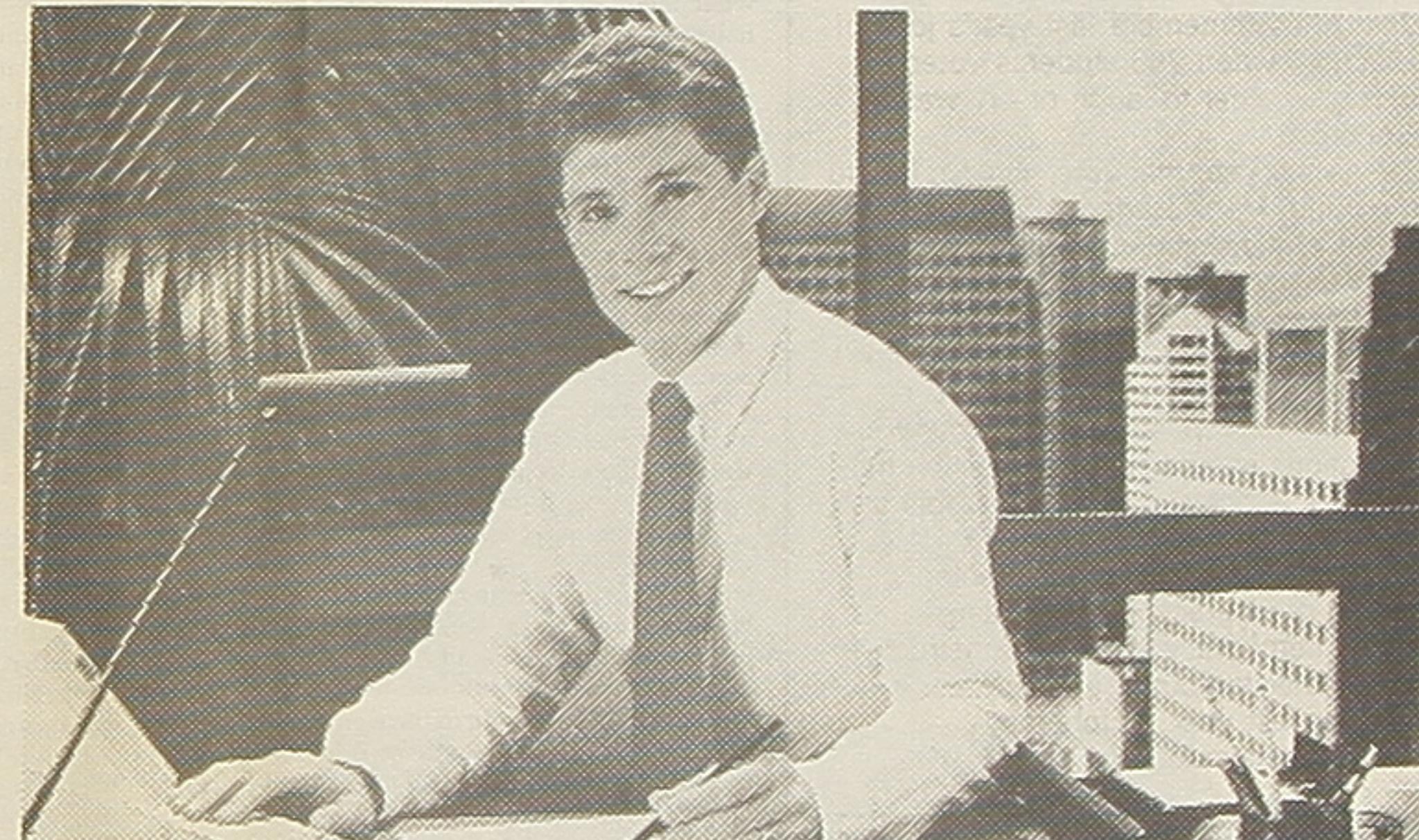
"My hope is that we have something finished by the end of December," said McClain. "If legislative action is required, then we will be ready to go forward with it."

Getting down to business

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OUR EDITORIALS

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No way to win with this voting

When they do get together, they might as well close the doors and meet in secret.

Two months ago the Faculty Senate started voting on issues via a secret ballot. The rationale: secret ballots keep faculty members from being coerced into voting one way or the other on certain issues. It's a valid point, but hardly one that can be taken seriously. If the Faculty Senate was anything more than an advisory board, the pill would be easier to swallow. But understanding that the Senate can take no "action" per se, it's tough to imagine the potential for intimidation tactics by administration figures or department heads.

If dumping the secret ballot from a practical standpoint is not enough, philosophically, the secret ballot does little for integrity and promotes a scary "no questions asked" attitude toward voting. No one is accountable in this arena; no one is responsible. If a senator votes a certain way, and the constituents in his department are left regretting a certain decision by the Senate, they have no way of knowing how their representative voted. And if an angry mob of faculty members (a scary sight) forces a senator to spill his guts about the vote, the purpose of a secret ballot is defeated. Clearly, there is no way to win with this method of voting.

The Senate should take the hints of more than a few faculty and bump the secret ballot out of its cowardly existence.

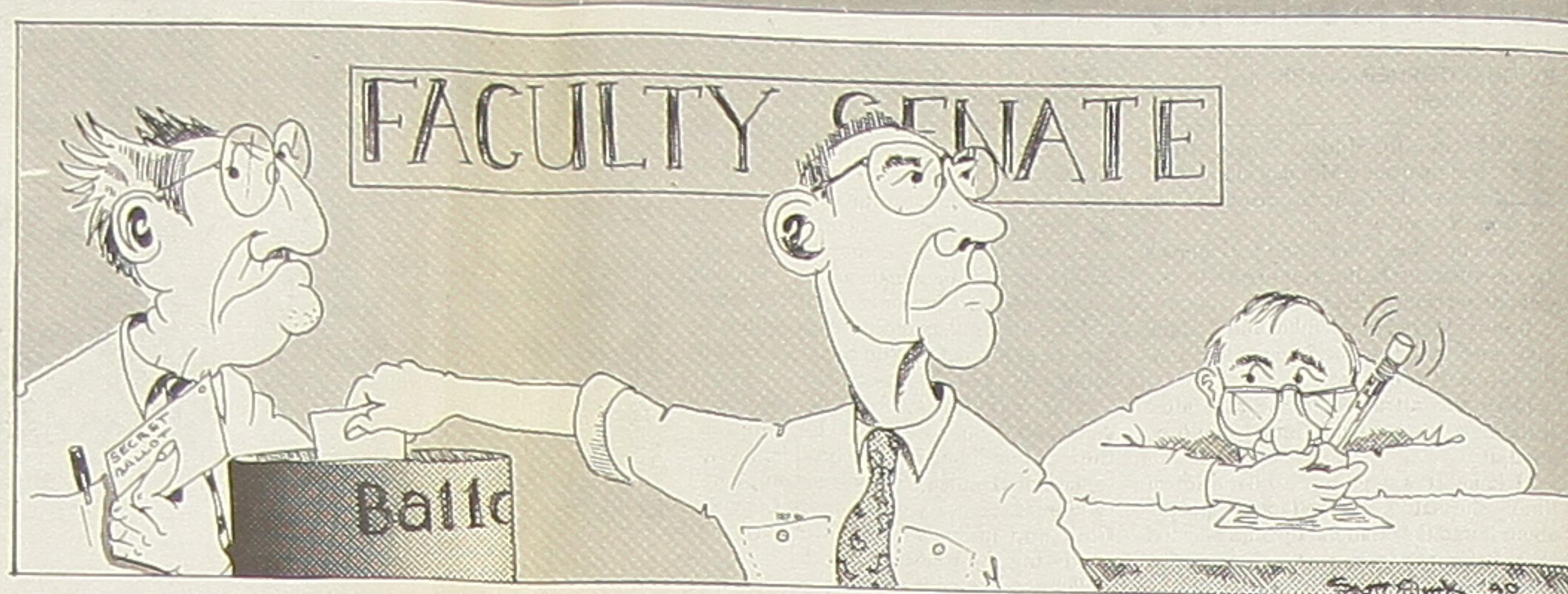
Voter turnout a must Monday

Student Senate elections are scheduled Monday, and if history can serve as a forecaster, voter turnout likely will be slight and embarrassing.

Most of us remember last year's joke of an election, when 286 students voted. Deciding whether to laugh or cry was a real chore.

This is the year that voter turnout has to turn around. Many students do not realize that part of their student fees is channeled to the Senate to fund different clubs and organizations across campus. Last year, it seemed the majority of the students didn't care how their money was spent. The apathy has to stop. Anyone not voting in the elections has no right to question how the money is doled out. It's as simple as this: vote or shut up.

We take a lot of things for granted, including democracy. By not voting Monday, democracy loses its constructive sting. If voter turnout in any way resembles last year, victories by candidates will indeed be hollow.



Wake up folks, now is the time to fight

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

No matter where you were or what you were doing Sunday afternoon, you were participating in Earth Day whether you liked it or not.

But for all of the music and messages fostered by Missouri Southern's celebration of Earth Day at the biology pond, it must be admitted that such activism is slight, and that it seems to take problems of global proportions to awaken the hippie in all of us. Such token, once-a-year worrying makes for dull and dangerous concern.

We've heard the claims that actually there should be no such thing as Earth Day, that Earth Day is everyday, forcing our concerns about this planet to stretch beyond an afternoon's festivities. But a healthy prescription of skepticism remains: people will pollute. Why? Because we choose to hype the problems of Earth just once a year. We should be pounding our fists and beating our heads against



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the doors of politicians *everyday*, showing them their outpouring of environmental rhetoric does nothing for us until their names are signed to the dotted line of a bill.

We are constantly told by the media (and ourselves) that acting up is good for the soul, if taken in small doses. Wanna talk about small doses?

Though the past 12 months have seen remarkable progress in terms of freedom for many peoples, this world still endures the horrors of apartheid, mass starvation, and environmental decay. These are tragedies not foreign to Americans. The United States has not found a feasible way to deal with racism, hunger and the homeless, and acid rain. There used to be a time when we looked to the college campus to maintain the fight against complacency. There was no such thing as being content with the present state of affairs. If problems weren't being solved, at least they were being discussed, and solutions were being fought for. If colleges and universities can still stake a claim to the fight, you would never know it by attending Missouri Southern.

Inactivity breeds inactivity, so breaking the cycle looks impossible. A perfect example of the problem

is the case of Coca-Cola. In February, students organized in the Lions' Den what looked to be an effective demonstration against apartheid. Petitions were signed, songs were sung, and solidarity against the system of oppression was gelled. During the lock-in, the fact that Coca-Cola invests in South African resources became a sore spot with the participants of the lock-in, at least for the evening.

Why haven't they followed through with their convictions? If they had been true to their cause, the lock-in participants should have been screaming about the College's insistence on Coke machines. No carbonated alternative you say? Fine, I'll drink water.

Activism doesn't call for devotion to the popular cause. Whatever your thoughts and beliefs should be, you need to be ready to defend them and even suggest them as a viable alternative to the status quo. If your way of thinking doesn't sit well with the boorish intellect of the liberal set or the corn-cob conservatism of southwest Missouri, all the better. Let's hear about it, now.

The campus is, and always will be, a boon for diversity. Despite this, the country that long looked to higher education to sponsor the differing opinion now looks to another savior: sameness. By speaking out, we can change that notion. It's time to fight.

Organizations need to open their eyes

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It seems that special interest groups are gaining more and more acceptance and prominence. When I speak of special interest groups, I am encompassing a broad range of organizations. In greater numbers than ever, people are listening to what these organizations have to say.

To me, however, it is sometimes a wonder how some organizations ever gain listeners, much less keep from being lynched.

I am referring to the tactics special interest groups use to rouse attention. Often, the very tactics used to strengthen them end up cutting their throats.

Take, for example, anti-fur groups. While this is a cause I heartily support, I cannot agree with throwing blood or paint on innocent people as they pass in front of a department store selling furs.

What ever happened to individuals' rights? Are they to be cast to the wind because one person's ethics do not agree with another's? Destroying public property is a crime. Wearing fur is not. This may or may not be right, but that's the way things stand at present.

Individuals belonging to these groups believe this is a good way to get people to think about what they are doing and change for the better. I contend, however, that it only helps to make people mad.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

I can personally tell you that when I read about these rallies in which people are accosted and splattered with paint and blood for wearing a perfectly legal garment, whether wearing it is ethical or not, my entire outlook on the cause is soured. Think of what it must do for those who don't support the cause at all or those who are marginal. While it gains them publicity, it can't help gain supporters.

Other groups which employ caustic techniques to convey their point are those advocating the pro-life position in the abortion issue. I have read of numerous occasions when abortion clinics have been bombed to prevent innocent people from receiving a lawful service. Just whose lives are these protesters trying to save? Whether you agree with abortion or not, you cannot justify this type of destruction for the sake of a viewpoint.

A cause I have had personal experience with is AIDS awareness and research. This is another example of a special interest group believing that its beliefs and opinions outweigh the personal rights of the individual.

Last fall, I wrote an article concerning an aspect of the AIDS epidemic. Later follow-up became necessary after facts were questioned, and the resulting fiasco that developed has been detrimental only to the organization itself. I was slandered and accused of harassment and providing misinformation.

I wrote a story to highlight a Southern student who was striving for greater AIDS education. I never dreamed that I would be crucified as I was.

As a result, I now have no sympathy for this person or organization and probably will never lend a hand for the cause again.

I'm sure I am not the first person who has been trampled by such indiscriminate organizations, and I suspect I won't be the last.

Another example that comes to mind is that of minority groups striving for equality and fair treatment. I realize this struggle has been long and hard against ignorance and hatred; however, these groups must realize that some people no longer hold the attitudes they fight against.

I have never been prejudiced against another person because of his race, religion, or sex, yet I have been called a racist and a male chauvinist more times than I care to remember.

The examples I have mentioned are only a few of the horror stories I have seen or been a victim of. I understand that sometimes to get the attention of people you are trying to reach, you must give them a gentle nudge (or swift kick, as the case may be), but such organizations need to open their eyes to see who is on their side. They also need to be more mindful of the rights of others. Although it may be cliché, it is appropriate here to say that the ends do not justify the means.

I don't wish to generalize as some of the groups I have mentioned tend to do, but I would like to convey to members of special interest groups (and almost everyone is an advocate of some cause) to think before they alienate those who support them and violate the civil liberties of those who don't. Both of these points are easily as important as any cause for which you may be fighting.

Candidates for Senate presidency write open letters

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you why I am writing this letter. My name is Tiffany Jakse; I'm a senior biology major here at Southern, and I am running for president of Student Senate.

The main purpose of this letter is to answer the question, "Why should you, the students of MSSC, vote for me to be your Student Senate president?" I'll respond to that question by giving you a little information about my leadership experience. First of all, I've been a student senator for two years, so I know how Senate works. I am a member of the Senate judicial committee and hold a position on the student affairs committee, which is a combined faculty-student committee.

I am also involved in several

other campus organizations. I am a member of the honors program, as well as an initiate of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honors leadership organization. I have been a College Orientation leader for two years, and I am a tutor for biology and English in the Learning Center. I have also held several offices and chairmanships in Zeta Tau Alpha.

To sum it all up, if leadership experience and involvement in one's school are qualities that are necessary for a person to properly serve in this position, then I feel that I have the required characteristics that would enable me to serve you, the students, well as your Student Senate president.

Tiffany Jakse

The reasons why I want to be your Student Senate president next year are many. The first is fairly straight forward. I know that I can do the job. As a communications major I have taken many courses that have helped me to fine tune my organization and problem-solving skills.

Some people have expressed concern over the fact that I have voiced strong opinions during Senate meetings. Let me assure you that I am well aware of the differing roles of senator and president. As a senator I am expected to listen to information, discuss issues, and make well-informed decisions. If I believe I have information that needs to be shared, I share it. However, I know the role of president is quite different. It will be my duty to ensure that each senator has the opportunity to express his or her opinion. It will be my duty to ensure that the proper committee

follows through on any projects, questions, or suggestions.

While the role of Student Senate president is often limited, I do envision opportunities for positive change. As president I want to make Student Senate more accessible to all the students. I will accomplish this by establishing consistent office hours. I will spend at least three hours per week in the Student Senate office in order to provide students the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and to provide help in solving any problems.

During Senate meetings I will work to encourage more discussion and debate over issues that come before the Senate.

Vote for me because you know that I have the confidence and determination to make your Student Senate a respected, hard-working governing body.

Mary Hanewinkle

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These greyhounds are not on strike

The Woodlands provides world's first dual racing

The excitement is high and tension mounts as dog racing fans anticipate the first greyhound out of the box.

"There's just something about watching those dogs race that gets to a man," says Michael Roy, a 39-year-old CPA from St. Petersburg, Fla. "I like to travel quite a bit and I've been to several racing tracks around the country, but dog racing in this part of the country is something special."

The Woodlands, the first dual greyhound/horse racing track in the world, is located in Kansas City, Kan. It opened its inaugural greyhound racing season in September and will continue until May 20. After a four-day closure, The Woodlands will re-open to begin its first horse racing season.

"We are in the top five greyhound racing tracks in the nation," said Tim Keithley, public relations coordinator. "We attract world-class greyhounds from all over the country, and we expect to draw some of the top horse trainers and owners for our upcoming horse racing season."

The history of the greyhound dates back to the pharaohs of ancient Egypt, who revered the dogs as the highest of all animals, both as pets and as hunters. The dog also enjoyed a high stature among the Romans and is the only canine mentioned in the Bible.

By the late 1800s the greyhound was imported to America's midwest to help farmers eliminate a major crop destroyer, the jackrabbit.

The farmers soon became amazed at the speeds of the greyhounds, and as each farmer thought his dog the fastest, greyhound racing was born.

Official greyhound racing was made possible in 1912 by O.P. Smith's invention of a mechanical lure that could circle a track. The first greyhound racing facility in the U.S. opened in Emeryville, Calif., in 1919.

"I look at several factors before each race," said Gary Bryan, a Blue Springs resident who has become a regular at The Woodlands since its opening. "I look for post position and speed in class, then if it doesn't feel good, I don't bet the race."

The average weight of a greyhound is between 65 and 75 pounds. A top-grade competing greyhound can reach speeds up to 45 miles per hour while chasing "Woody," a stuffed bone, around the quarter-mile track. A plastic muzzle is worn during the race to help determine the outcome of a photo finish.

Today, greyhound racing is the sixth most popular sport in the nation with more than 26 million annual spectators.

"I've been hooked on dog racing for a very long time, and it's never the same," said Keithley, a veteran of more than 3,000 races. "Greyhounds are beautiful, gentle animals that are bred and trained to race. They aren't hurt or mistreated in any way and accidents are not common, which makes it a pretty safe sport."

Wagering at The Woodlands has been labeled as "pure and simple" as long as a person is at least 18 years old.

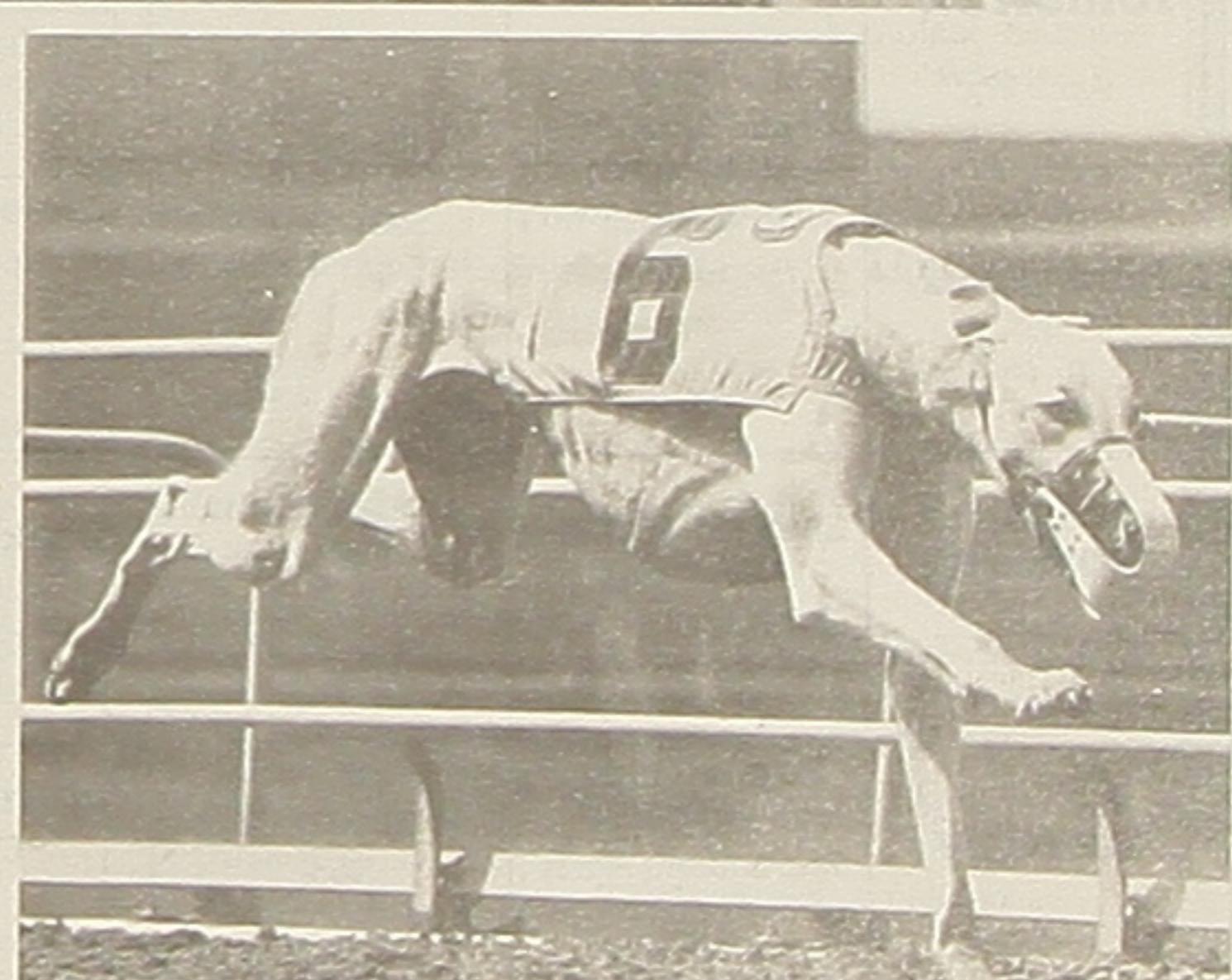
"Just walk up to the booth, say how much you want to bet, the number of the animal, and how to finish," said Jim Hardin, of Kansas City, Kan. "How much simpler can it be?"

With about 13 minutes between each race, The Woodlands sees much wagering activity and hauls in an average of \$4.5 million per week. A minimum of \$2 is required in order to wager.

"We make about \$500,000 for each performance with nine performances a week," said Keithley. "The track has matinees on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and evening performances every night except Sunday and Tuesday."

The race track has approximately 180 betting windows located throughout, making wagering even easier. The Woodlands also is equipped with 550 television monitors to give fans last-minute information on odds and other racing statistics for the day.

"I win some, and I lose some," said Willie McCracken, an avid fan, "but I keep coming back."



(Top) Dogs in the fifth race round turn four for the final stretch of the race. (Middle) Bill Koulourtiots and Andy Garvey, two Southwest Missouri State University students, cheer with betting tickets in hand, as the dog they have wagered on finishes the race ahead of the pack. (Above) A greyhound strides well ahead in the race displaying the well-toned muscles the hounds develop. (Left) LaVerne Pearson, 52, of New York checks racing forms to guide him while placing his bets for the day.

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Mother Earth

Southern students and Joplin area residents enjoy the clear, sunny weather Sunday during the Earth Day 1990 activities on the campus by the biology pond.

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Yearbook to arrive

'Crossroads' to feature arts, fashion magazine

BY HEATHER ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

This spring it won't be uncommon to find Missouri Southern students with their noses buried in more than their textbooks.

With a contracted arrival date of Saturday, May 12, the *Crossroads* will be on campus before students depart at the end of the semester.

"Through our negotiations with the publishing company, every effort is being made to get the yearbooks to us ahead of schedule," said Jean Campbell, yearbook adviser.

Earlier this month, the *Crossroads* staff went to its publishing company in Shawnee Mission, Kan., to proof and finalize the final 25 pages. The staff also had the opportunity to tour the plant and view the publishing company's daily operations. Herff Jones, Southern's yearbook publisher, is the second-largest yearbook publishing company in the nation.

This year's book will feature a 16-page magazine called *Southern Essence*. Pro-

duced via desktop publishing, *Southern Essence* includes fashion, art, and items of historical interest.

Yearbooks are included in the \$5 fee full-time students pay each semester and can be picked up free of charge.

"Even though students have paid this fee, some unfortunately neglect to pick up their yearbooks," said Campbell.

When the yearbooks arrive, Campbell said the staff is planning to hold a tailgate party in the oval in front of the Billingsly Student Center.

The staff already is ahead of schedule in producing next year's *Crossroads*. According to Campbell, decisions that aren't usually made until September already have been made.

Next year's staff members include Mar-garetha Maldoon, editor; T. Rob Brown, photo editor; Alice Gabriel, assistant photo editor; Jason West, office manager; Aaron Shoemaker, graphics editor; Julie Hannaford, layout editor; and Christina Watkins, promotion director.

According to Campbell, the staff still has positions to fill.

Southern gets awareness group OES wants to make Earth Day more than 'one-time thing'

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

More good came out of Earth Day than making people aware of the environmental problems facing society.

The Ozark Earth Society, an environmentally protective group, was formed by Libbie Westie approximately three months ago to arrange the Joplin Earth Day celebration.

"We started to hold just organizing meetings to plan Earth Day," said Westie, "and then about the second week, a lot of us felt it should be an ongoing organization, that Earth Day should not be just a one-time thing. So we decided that we would, and we voted on a name."

The organization started with about 30 members, and through the Earth Day program has approximately 45 potential new members. Westie thinks the Ozark Earth Society will become larger than just a campus organization.

There are two coalitions of high school students who helped in starting the Ozark Earth Society. One is Environmentally Aware and Ready To Help (EARTH), a group of students from Joplin High School and McAuley High School. The other is People Organizing Safer Standards for the Environment (POSSE).

According to Westie, the EARTH group at McAuley succeeded in getting the use of all styrofoam removed from the school, and the EARTH group at Joplin High held an Earth Week.

"At first there were these two groups and then there was us (OES), and we

decided we would merge and become one large organization under Ozark Earth Society," Westie says. "We have been so frantic trying to put together Earth Day that we haven't had a chance to write by-laws, elect officers, or any of that."

Westie says the group has many plans for the future, including a household hazardous waste drop-off project. The project would allow for the bimonthly pick-up of paint and cleaning products, potentially dangerous, left in the garage or stored in the house. The trash will be taken to a place where it can be disposed of in a safe manner.

The group proposed the project to the Joplin city manager's office. According to Westie, the office told her the project was not feasible at this time because it would take \$60,000-\$80,000 to implement.

"There are so many things that a citizens group can do if you have body of people who are willing to put time and money into something," said Westie. "You can do things you would not normally be able to do. We need to call the city and tell them that we're willing to work on this and we're willing to spend our time. Maybe the city can go back and rethink their figures and maybe find a way."

The group also is looking into an educational program to have speakers come into the schools and help students become more aware of earth's natural resources.

"For example, there was just an election in town, and if there was an environmental group they could have gone down and interviewed the candidates and found out their stands on the environment and then get the information out to the people," she

said. "So that's what it is, it's a mechanism for translating people's wishes into action."

"We're going to be thinking globally and acting locally."

Westie thinks that rather than a rebirth of the early 1970s way of thinking, the new rash of environmental awareness is more a continuance of what was started then.

"I think the same people who were politically active then are politically active now," she says. "They tend to be teachers or librarians or social workers where they can still make a difference. What's exciting is there's a generation out there that sees the romance of that period and wants to apply it to today's standards and issues."

The Earth Day celebration was, like the group, at first planned as a small festivity.

"It went way beyond my original vision. When we started out, I thought maybe we would have a couple of musicians and a couple of speakers and it would be a one-day thing, but everyone had so many ideas."

"I don't know if it grew faster than I expected, but it did grow bigger."

Westie says the group will be mailing letters to the people who have expressed an interest in the group stating when the next "brainstorming" meeting will be.

"Earth Day 1970 was great, but the momentum just didn't keep going, so everyone who planned Earth Day 1990 really made sure that it was the beginning of something. It's got to be something that works this time."

Southern student receives scholarship

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Scott Lane, a Missouri Southern communications major, recently received a scholarship which will enable him to continue his studies here or pursue an internship.

The Bayliss scholarship is for \$2,000, the highest amount offered through Alpha Epsilon Rho, a broadcasting society. It is given to students who show prowess and commitment to pursuing a career in radio and public broadcasting.

Lane, who applied for the scholarship earlier this year, submitted an essay on the future of radio broadcasting.

"Radio will really go somewhere," he said. "Right now when television is going down, radio is going up. Eventually, the cream of the crop jobs will be in radio, and I want to be there when it happens."

The scholarship was awarded at the Alpha Epsilon Rho national convention in

Orlando, Fla. Lane was not even aware that he had received the scholarship until his name was announced.

"When the speaker said 'Our first recipient reported for three years for Channel 12 in Joplin, Mo., I about fell out of my chair," said Lane. "I was so shocked. I could hardly give an acceptance speech."

With the scholarship, Lane hopes to fund an internship at MGM-Disney Studios in Orlando, Fla. He said there had been no formal contact with Disney but he had spoken to a Disney representative while in Orlando, and the response was "positive."

"He told me I had a real good chance," said Lane, who sent off his formal contact letter this week.

If the internship with Disney does not work out, Lane said he will try for a position with one of the three major networks.

"Whichever I choose, it will entail living out of town," he said. "But I think I will always end up back in community

radio. I put that in my essay, and I think that is one of the reasons why I got the scholarship."

"I'm a small-town boy. No matter where my career takes me, I will come back to the Midwest. I won't be happy until I'm on the air in the morning giving the agricultural forecast. One of my role models does just that. It's just what I want to do."

Lane, 23, a transfer from Pittsburgh State University, said Southern has one of the best communications departments he has seen.

"Southern has one of the most diversified, fastest-growing departments. I think you get a better education for your money than anywhere else. Anyone can learn to run a camera, but if you don't have a camera to work on you can't be creative. The same thing with radio or any type of broadcasting. You have to be creative in this business."

Upcoming Events

Today April 26	Health Clinic 7 a.m. Kuhn Hall	Chess Club Noon Room 325 Reynolds Hall	Art League 12:15 p.m. Room 305 Spiva Art Center	Faculty Study Group French Revolution 3 p.m. Room 311 BSC
Tomorrow April 27	Track hosts Crossroads Invitational through Saturday TBA	Softball at MIAA Championship Tournament Sedalia, Mo. through Saturday	Interviews Metropolitan Life Sign Up Room 207 BSC	Board of Regents 12:15 p.m. Room 310 BSC
Weekend April 28-29			Movie Classics 'The African Queen' 6 p.m. Room 310 BSC Sunday	Wesley Foundation Sunday Nite Live 8 p.m. Newman Road UMC Sunday
Monday April 30	Student Senate Elections 9 a.m.-2 p.m. BSC Stairwell	Information Table Tulsa Police Department Lions' Den	Greek Council 3:30 p.m. Room 311 BSC	Greenpeace Lecture 7 p.m. Matthews Auditorium
Tuesday May 1	Bag-A-Career Famous Barr Department Stores 11 a.m. Room 306 BSC	Newman Club Noon Room 311 BSC	International Club 3 p.m. Room 313 BSC	Lantern Society Dinner 6:30 p.m. Biology Pond Pavilion
Wednesday May 2	Honors Convocation 11 a.m. Taylor Auditorium	Baptist Student Union Noon Room 311 BSC	CAB Meeting 3 p.m. Room 310 BSC	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

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Symphonic band plays next week

After a semester of practicing, Missouri Southern's symphonic band is ready to perform.

Pete Havelly, director of bands and head of the music department, along with Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, have chosen approximately 10 pieces for the performance. Meeks will lead the band through two of the pieces while Havelly will conduct the others.

"We have a variety of pieces which will be played, such as classical, pop tunes, and marches," said Havelly.

This year will be the first time the symphonic band has included a wind ensemble, consisting of 38 students. Altogether, participation in the symphonic band numbers 75. Those students represent an elite group, having been selected to become a part of the band.

This semester the band has been touring Missouri and has performed in many high schools throughout the state. Havelly said it has been a favorable experience working with this year's students.

"I think the thing I enjoy most is that with each year the quality of the players gets much better," he said. "I have enjoyed working with players of this quality."

Havelly is looking for increased attendance at the band's concerts.

"If we could spread one message to the audience, I hope it would be that people would enjoy and appreciate the music," he said. "We would like more people to come to our concerts and for more of our college students to come and enjoy."

The symphonic band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in Taylor Auditorium.

Ballet company to perform for festival

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

The State Ballet of Missouri, considered a highlight of the Southern Arts Festival, soon will make its first appearance in Joplin.

Under the direction of internationally acclaimed choreographer Todd Bolender, the State Ballet of Missouri is slated to perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in Taylor Auditorium.

According to Gwen Hunt, public information director, dance company and symphony performances are traditionally the most popular events in the community.

"There is a lot of excitement about the performance," she said. "The ballet is probably one of the most requested events that the Joplin Community Concert Association receives."

The State Ballet of Missouri, now in its ninth season, has grown to a company of 28 dancers with a budget in excess of \$2.1



Piano man

Maximilian Antig, 27, rehearses for the International Piano Competition which ends tonight at Taylor Performing Arts Center. Antig is from the Philippines.

STAFF PHOTO BY CARINE PETERSON

million. Based in Kansas City, the group tours throughout the Midwest.

The cost of bringing the ballet to the festival was financed, in part, by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. Hunt said the ballet was the most expensive act to bring to the festival. She said without that funding a performance at Southern would not have been possible.

The dancers will perform three ballets, one of which Hunt has seen before.

"I've seen the *The Prodigal Son*," she said. "It was very fascinating, very different, and very colorful."

George Balanchine, choreographer of *The Prodigal Son*, is said to be one of the "great choreographers of the century." Bolender is a protege of Balanchine.

Bolender's *Classical Symphony* is another ballet which will be featured at the Joplin performance. It is said to be a "dynamic" ballet designed as a "witty evocation of 18th century formality."

The third ballet of the set is *Con Amore*,

choreographed by Lew Christensen.

Francis Mason, editor of *Ballet Review* and critic for *The New York Times* radio station WQXR, said, "The Missouri dancers were graced with superb inner rhythm and abundant but controlled energy."

Hunt believes the ballet will be one of the most important cultural events of the festival, which ends May 6.

"Anytime we can bring in a major dance company, symphony, or any professional group, it is a major event," she said. "It will certainly be one of the highlights of the festival."

Hunt hopes the Arts Festival will prove wrong the people who think Joplin is a "cultural desert."

"The College says it is the cultural center of the region, and this proves it," she said.

Tickets for the ballet are \$8, \$6, and \$4. Southern students may reserve seats free with an I.D. Reservations may be made by calling 625-9366.

Production to feature monologues

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

Although the play *Talking With* is not entirely new to Southern Theatre, its format will not be old hat to the audience.

In fact, according to Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, the play, done two years ago in acting class, is somewhat unorthodox.

"It's a play, but not a traditional play," he said. "There is no story line and not a lot of character development."

This is a result of the nature of the production. Under Field's direction, *Talking With* is a series of 10 monologues, all lasting between five and 10 minutes. The connecting factor is that they are all about women who are on the edge.

"They all have some passion in their life that has caused them to become just a little bit wacky," said Fields. "What I like about them is that they have a cause or a goal—they would all stick their neck out to protect their beliefs."

One of the women is a former rodeo performer who is convinced that the rodeos, now using astro-turf, have become like the Ice Capades. Another character confesses her goal to live in a McDonald's restaurant, and yet another is convinced that baton twirling is equated with spiritual existence.

The cast of characters includes a snake handler who will be using real snakes on stage. Fields said the actress, senior Samantha Wyer, has no problem handling the snakes.

"She loves the boa constrictors," he said, "and they like her, too."

Other characters include a housewife who spends her days in the land of Oz, a woman who deals with the death of her

mother, and a country woman who details three events—the birth of her brother, the birth of a cow, and the discovery of a phase of her womanhood—which all occur in one day.

"They're all a little obsessed, which makes them colorful and interesting," said Fields.

Fields became intrigued with the play the first time he saw it. He has seen from past experience that people shy away from plays consisting of only monologue and is afraid the same thing might happen here.

"People might think it would be boring," said Fields, "but I hope they give it a chance. This is the opportunity to see something really different."

Talking With was written by Jane Martin and directed by Jon Jory. According to Fields, Martin, who is a man, may have used a female pen name to gain credibility.

"Regardless of whether he is male or female, he has amazing insight into the minds of all of these various women," said Fields.

The actresses in the play were allowed to make decisions that may help to form the characters into their perception of them. They were allowed to choose their own theme songs, as well as have a say in their costumes.

"Our new costumer, Anne Jaros, has really worked with the cast to make the costumes how they think they should be," said Fields. "She has a marvelous insight."

Six of the cast members previously performed the play in acting class. Fields said the improvement has been "outstanding."

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday; at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 6 in Taylor Auditorium.

Other characters include a housewife who spends her days in the land of Oz, a woman who deals with the death of her

Presentation features work by area author

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

In three days, *Attack of the Mushroom People* will lay seige to the Missouri Southern campus.

The play was written by Carthage native Gary L. Blackwood, author of more than 12 novels, three of which have been published. Blackwood said *Attack of the Mushroom People* is a unique play that deals with only two, individual characters and not with a large cast.

"I have to admit that the title sounds like a bad Japanese science-fiction movie, but it is completely different," Blackwood said. "I call it a drama with a laugh."

The play is about a man named Harry Frisbee, a struggling poet who has never been published nor been able to make a living off his writing. Frustrated, he kidnaps a book editor named Dina Vandergrift. Frisbee brings this publisher to his apartment and will not let her leave until she promises to publish his work. During the course of the play, the two learn a lot about each other and end up falling in love.

The play has been on stage once before, in 1980, when it debuted at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"It was different back then in the fact that I was actually in it," said Blackwood. "Now, I just drop in on the practices and lend some advice to the actors or to Victoria Goff, the play's director, on things they want to know more about or things

that they do not understand."

Attack of the Mushroom People was nominated and won first place at the Ozark Creative Writing Conference at Eureka Springs, Ark., in 1981-82.

"It was a giant boost to all aspects of my writing career, and I'm very proud of receiving it," said Blackwood.

Patric Worley plays the role of Frisbee and Stephanie Cain will portray Vandergrift. Worley said preparation would have been much more difficult if it were not for Blackwood's help.

"It has been really helpful having Gary around, since he is the author of the play," said Worley. "He has given me a lot of insight on what certain things mean."

Worley said one scene in the play has him writing greeting cards to make money and how that is "selling out" for a poet.

"This was an actual event in Gary's life," said Worley. "There is a lot of him in this play."

According to Worley, the factor that makes portraying "Mushroom People" the hardest is that they are mature people.

"These characters, are very unique and vibrant," he said. "They are the kind you do not always get to play."

While the play provides a little of everything, Worley said it is mainly about a man and woman who come to terms with each other and themselves.

The curtains will go up on *Attack of the Mushroom People* at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, and at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Taylor Auditorium.

Fairy tale to have tragic end

'The Birthday of Infanta' to be performed tomorrow

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

In an attempt to provide entertainment for all ages at the Arts Festival, *The Birthday of Infanta*, a children's play, will be presented at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium.

Gwen Hunt, public information director, said festival organizers wanted to make sure there was something for everyone.

"We've tried to include jazz, pop, classical, plays for the young, and plays for the old," she said. "It's hard to imagine that we've left anyone out."

The Birthday of Infanta, performed by the Metro Theatre Circus of St. Louis, presents a "fairy tale world that has forgotten its heart." Written by Oscar Wilde, the play has been adapted for the stage by Margaret Hermes.

The story takes place on the birthday of Infanta, and heir to the Spanish throne. The spoiled girl was never taught lessons of love and compassion. At her birthday party, Infanta is presented with a dancing dwarf which had been captured from the woods. The play ends in tragedy.

Director Carol Evans said she has had

a love-hate relationship with the play for years.

"Wilde's story is lyrical and delicate, yet cruel," said Evans. "Painful as the story is, I think it has the power to touch a chord in all of us who are something less than perfect humans."

Despite the tragic ending, there are also bright moments in the production. The members of the cast will showcase their talent performing as jugglers, matadors, snake charmers, and magicians.

The Birthday of Infanta is one of many productions by the Metro Theatre Circus, now in its 17th season. It has been called a "national treasure" by the *Kansas City Star*.

The Metro Theatre Circus receives support from various organizations including the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"It is so important that we have these support groups for the arts," said Hunt. "Without them, we couldn't have these tremendous performances."

Tickets for the play are \$3 for general admission and \$1 for senior citizens and students. Missouri Southern students will receive free admittance with an I.D. For information, persons may call 625-9366.

Coming Attractions

Joplin	Gala Winners Concert 8 p.m. Today Taylor Auditorium	Suzuki Violin Recital 7 p.m. Tomorrow Phinney Recital Hall	MSSC Senior Show Sunday thru May 13 Spiva Art Center	The African Queen 6 p.m. Sunday Room 310 Billingsly Student Center
Springfield	Celebrate Spring Mid America Singers Sunday Call 863-7464	Amorphous Color Tuesday thru May 27 Springfield Art Museum Call 869-2716	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow May 4 thru 6 Springfield Little Theatre Call 869-1334	From the Mountain Top May 4 thru 19 Stained Glass Theatre Call 869-9018
Tulsa	Gilcrease Rendezvous 1990 Saturday thru July 8 Gilcrease Museum Call 918-582-3122	Tulsa Chamber Players Sunday Williams Theatre Call 918-596-7122	Treasure Island May 4 thru 19 American Theatre Company Call 918-747-9494	La Cenerentola May 5 Tulsa Opera Chapman Music Hall Call 918-587-4811
Kansas City	Ballet West 8 p.m. Tomorrow Music Hall Call 421-8000	The Ugly Duckling Thru May 20 Crown Center Call 587-0218	John Scott Organ Recital 8 p.m. Tuesday Call 474-8260	Lotto Fever 8 p.m. Tuesday thru May 31 Crown Center Call 842-9999
	Party of One 8 p.m. Tuesday thru May 31 Quality Hill Playhouse Call 421-7500	Much Ado About Nothing May 3 thru 5 Bell Road Barn Players Call 587-0218	Harry S. Truman Anniversary Concert 8 p.m. May 5 Kansas City Symphony Call 722-0391	Band Festival May 5, 6, 19, 20 Worlds of Fun Call 454-4545



Spirits are high

Heidi Oakes, the College's NCAA compliance officer, is also Southern's cheerleading sponsor. She is shown here during a recent practice session in front of the Robert Ellis Young gymnasium.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX



Beyond the call

Terry Neff, junior political science major, is an intern for Rep. Jerry Burch (D-Walker) in the State Capitol.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

Neff says he goes 'above and beyond' other interns

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A keen interest in Missouri's political structure has enabled Terry Neff to serve as Missouri Southern's third legislative intern at the State Capitol.

Neff, a senior political science major, began his internship for Rep. Jerry Burch (D-Walker) on Jan. 3, when the General Assembly convened.

"I think the most successful I've been up here is simply meeting people and making contacts throughout state government," said Neff. "I feel that I've been going above and beyond what the other interns are doing. One benefit I have is that I've been politically active, so I've already met a lot of these people before. The other benefit is my age and maturity that enables me to go out and meet a lot more people."

"I'm here for a purpose, and that's to make contacts and to learn. The reason I picked somebody (Burch) on their way up and who has some power is simply to get the broadest experience possible."

Neff, 27, is receiving eight internship credit hours, four independent study credit hours, and a \$1,000 stipend. The College also waived his tuition for the semester.

"I have numerous duties as an intern," he said. "The main thing I work on is constituent services. We have a lot of people calling in with problems from different agencies across the state—family services, revenue, and mental health—and I do a lot of work on those, finding answers, getting the whole story, and then getting back with Jerry to see what we can do."

Neff returns to Neosho each Thursday, after the House has recessed, and usually goes to the College the next day to check in with his adviser, Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science. He

gives St. Clair weekly updates concerning the internship and his experiences at the Capitol.

"There have been weekends when I've stayed up here and worked and gone to other functions," he said. "I've been going to Lamar and Nevada, where Jerry has his district office, and working with him on some Fridays and even some Saturdays, doing different things with Rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, and just going around with him to get a feeling for what it's like not only here but in the district, too."

When choosing a lawmaker to work for, Neff said he looked for someone strongly involved with the Democratic party who had several important connections and the ability to get the job done.

"I was looking for someone I had some thing in common with, and then I found Jerry," he said. "He's been here for 12 years and he's running for majority floor leader. There's a number of things that showed me he was a good, aggressive candidate and a good representative, and that's the kind of person I wanted to work for to get the full benefit of the internship."

Neff, one of more than 100 student interns at the Capitol, expressed a concern that Southern is getting outlobbed by the other higher education institutions.

"I think it is a great benefit for Missouri Southern to have an intern, but I think the program needs to be increased dramatically. Looking at the numbers of colleges in similar size that also have interns up here, we're just in their shadow. Other schools are realizing the importance and benefits to their college of having interns here, and I don't think Southern realizes that. Many schools have designated lobbyists up here, and that's something Missouri Southern should do."

LaNear to recruit for West Point

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Seeking to complete 20 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserves, Dr. Richard LaNear recently accepted a position as a Military Academy Liaison Officer (MALO) to West Point.

LaNear, professor of business, serves as a lieutenant colonel in the reserves and will be recruiting students out of the four-state area. He had applied for the position as a MALO to recruit students out of Georgia several years ago, but it already had been filled. Now LaNear is glad the opportunity has presented itself again.

"This is the position I've wanted for a long time," he said. "I'm looking forward to meeting these top-notch students."

After he attends a recruiting training seminar on June 10-17, LaNear officially begins his work as a MALO next fall. He said he is looking forward to associating with the elite corps of West Point.

"This is the top officer training program in the nation for the Army," said LaNear, adding that West Point seeks the cream of the crop.

"They want students who exhibit leadership and still have been excellent students academically," he said. "They'll be looking for someone who can go through a disciplined environment for four years. I think the future of West Point is going to be even more exclusive than in the past."

LaNear expects to see more females on the scene at West Point than in the past.

"Last year the top cadet at West Point was a female for the first time," he said. "I imagine I will be recruiting more females than I thought."

Hoping to accomplish two tasks in one, LaNear believes he will be able to expose students to Missouri Southern.

"I could extol upon the virtues of Southern, such as the honors program," he said. "My primary duty, though, is to recruit students."

LaNear began his military career in 1968 when he was drafted out of college.

Oakes enjoys position as 'academic coach'

NCAA officer helps athletes maintain eligibility

BY CHRISTY FITZMAURICE
CHART REPORTER

According to Heidi Oakes, her two greatest accomplishments are working at Missouri Southern and receiving her master's in communications.

"I had no desire to go on to graduate school," she said, "but no one can take my education away from me."

Oakes, while completing her master's at Pittsburg State University, worked part-time at Southern in the counseling center. After receiving her graduate degree in May 1989, she wanted to find a full-time position at Southern.

Oakes wasted no time in applying for the newly created position of NCAA compliance officer at Southern. She was "really happy" when she was selected.

Oakes' main responsibilities are with the students as she is the "academic coach" for Southern's athletes. Oakes helps students maintain eligibility, follow a degree course plan, and with scholarships and financial aid.

Oakes enjoys her job, saying she has learned a great deal about college athletics.

"A lot of times people tend to stereotype athletes, but athletes work hard—academically, athletically, and on community service projects. Students are not pampered on this campus."

Oakes said the mean grade-point average for Southern's athletes is 2.81. The athletic department enjoys a 59 percent graduation rate, nearly 30 percent higher

than the College as a whole.

Oakes said she enjoys working in the athletic department because of the "family" relationship the members have.

"Like tennis, we were all really upset about tennis (MIAA sanctions), but we worked through it as a family and we got through it," she said.

About herself, Oakes says, "I'm enthusiastic, positive, and I strive to be the very best."

Oakes said she has learned a great deal from working at Southern. Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, taught her about professionalism, ethics, and campus relations. Oakes said Doman has helped her to be the person she is today.

She said she would like to stay at her present job for a while and help make some improvements.

"I see a lot of ways this job can be expanded," said Oakes, who would like to do research projects to help Southern's coaches see how their freshmen compare to those at other NCAA schools.

Oakes also serves Southern as a part-time Oral Communication instructor.

"That's why I got my master's, so I could teach," she said.

When she isn't working, Oakes takes advantage of the outdoors. She enjoys water skiing, snow skiing, and canoeing. She worked at Ginger Blue on Elk River during the summers she was in school.

Oakes relaxes by reading. Her favorite literature is inspirational magazines, such as *Guidepost* and *Focus on the Family*.

He attended infantry school and officer candidate school before he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After serving in Vietnam, LaNear was discharged in 1971. He went on to complete an infantry advanced course in Fort Benning.

Ga., and the Command and General Staff College.

"It's been tremendous training," said LaNear. "The discipline would be good for all of us. The sense of serving my country still means something to me."

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decision" comes before the Senate, it will be difficult to determine the effect of the new policy.

One faculty member who disagrees with the new policy is Dr. Robert Brown, dean of the school of business. Brown said he believes openness in the Senate's actions is important.

"I think that representative bodies should be in the open," he said. "That is certainly the rule in the Congress of the United States, that is certainly the rule in the legislature in Missouri, and that is certainly the case in the Joplin school board."

"I think it is essential to maintain accountability of our elected officials and open voting record that the constituents

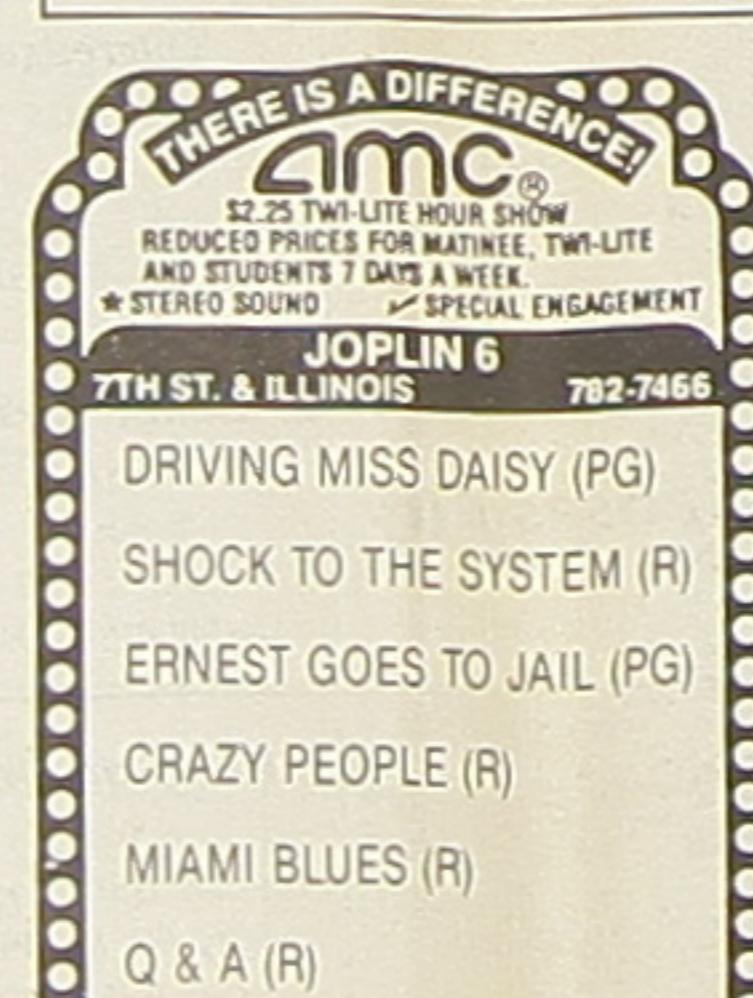
can judge," Brown said.

Don Caristi, assistant professor of communications, said although he understands the policy, he does not agree with it.

"I don't think it's appropriate for people who represent others to conceal how they voted on issues," he said. "I understand the rationale behind secret ballot voting, but if that's the case (senators are being influenced) then those people shouldn't be on the Faculty Senate in the first place."

St. Clair said further action probably would not be taken on the policy.

"I have a feeling that the welfare committee will let that sit for a while and let the Senate see," she said.



Educators want legislative passage by '91

\$367 million needed to cure ills at colleges

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

As the Missouri legislature recognizes the needs of the state's higher education system, one organization exists to enlighten the minds of Missouri citizens.

Missourians for Higher Education, a collective faction of more than 40 top officials of the state's higher education institutions, released a report in January calling for increased funding for higher education.

The media blitz following the study's release primarily was aimed at educating those people who do not have children in higher education and to alert them to the current crises now facing the state's colleges and universities.

"Basically, this was our first public awareness campaign," said Dr. Paul Ricker, director of MHE. "We think it was a very successful media event; we had over 60 articles and editorials detailing the report and state of higher education in Missouri.

"Our task now is to get the public

awareness program started and to keep it going. We need higher education to stick in people's minds."

The report detailed that in 1988 Missouri was ranked 47th in the nation in terms of state support for higher education. Missouri spends \$99 per capita, while its bordering states of Kansas and Iowa spend \$145 and \$155, respectively.

According to MHE chairman Bill Mann, chancellor of the Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, the issue of raising state revenue to support higher education can wait no longer.

"The situation is reaching a critical level," said Mann. "If additional support for higher education is not forthcoming, educational quality will suffer."

The MHE formed about four years ago when a group of Missouri educators, representing public and private institutions as well as two- and four-year colleges and universities, got together to discuss what they collectively could do to help higher education in the state.

"Our organization has changed from a casual public relations group to a more

organized, closer, and stronger coalition," Ricker said. "We're trying to tell the story of higher education and what we can do to get more funding for the system."

Shortly thereafter, MHE contacted all of its participating higher education institutions and asked them to realistically list all of their funding needs, including construction, maintenance and repair, equipment, and new programs.

The organization totaled the figures, and an amount of \$367 million was concluded to be the total cost of bringing all the institutions back on line and up to date. Ricker says further delay will only make relatively inexpensive problems much more costly.

"Several colleges have gotten behind on a lot of their maintenance programs, as a result of the lack of funding by the General Assembly," said Ricker. "There are several different ways to get additional funding that haven't been approached yet."

"We support and need a tax increase for higher education because there's just not enough money to go around. We have to find other ways to generate that additional funding."

MHE's "Show Me the Future" report

also detailed several of the critical needs of higher education in Missouri and how additional funding would be allocated. The needs include new programs and new faculty positions, maintenance and repair projects, boosting faculty salaries in order to be competitive with other states, and purchasing more computers and state-of-the-art teaching and research equipment.

According to Ricker, the MHE is in the second stage of its timetable. After first informing the public about higher education funding crises, the next goal is getting some legislation passed in the Missouri legislature during its 1991 session.

After passage, the organization hopes to call a general election in June 1991 for the voters to decide on the proposal.

"When compared to our neighboring states, we're falling behind in terms of higher education funding," Ricker said. "We compare very, very poorly with them, but it's not because the legislature isn't giving us much money. It is because the pie just isn't big enough to accommodate our needs."

Capitol Briefs

Bridge conditions prompt tax measure

► John Cozad, chairman of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, has proposed the enactment of a one-cent sales tax to help meet highway and bridge needs over the next 12 years.

"This is my personal opinion, not the position of the state Highway Commission or anyone else in state government," Cozad said. "If we do not act and we do not lead, we will lose the ability to compete."

Cozad's proposal would provide a sales tax increase equivalent to 1 percent for 10 years for roads and bridges, and 1 percent per year for two years for other modes of transportation—air, rail, and water.

The measure would provide approximately \$500 million per year in additional funding, which, Cozad says, is how much is needed to repair and replace Missouri's worn-out roads and bridges.

In addition, many cities and counties have reported that about \$2.5 billion over the next five to 10 years is needed to repair and replace local roads and bridges.

Sawyer and Finn return to the screen

► Have you ever wondered what happened to Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn after they grew up?

Although the characters' creator, Mark Twain, never wrote a follow-up about them as adults, some Hollywood scriptwriters have. The filming of their version is set to begin next month in St. Charles (Mo.) County.

Titled *Back to Hannibal*, the made-for-television movie will be shot in and around the city of St. Charles and at the Daniel Boone home and farm in Defiance.

The storyline is set in the 1850s and places Huck as a young newspaper reporter and Tom as an attorney. The two then join forces to help defend the former runaway slave Jim on the charge of murdering Becky Thatcher's husband.

Production is scheduled to begin May 7 and run through the first week of June.

Ashcroft outlines environmental plan

► Gov. John Ashcroft has unveiled his six measurable goals to improve the state's environmental quality over the next 10 years.

"I believe that working toward these goals will lead to a safer and more responsible environmental future by the year 2000," Ashcroft said. "In 1990, what we do in our own backyard can and does affect our neighbor, here and around the world. Our backyards are global in scope, and we must act accordingly."

The goals include reducing waste sent to landfills by 35 percent, enhancing Missouri's wetlands by implementing a "no net loss" policy, and the improvement and expansion of several recreational opportunities for Missourians to enjoy the state's physical resources.

House schedules Memorial service

► Following an honored tradition, the Missouri House of Representatives will hold a special Memorial Day service to pay tribute to those "outstanding" men and women who have served in the body.

"In order to show our respect for legislators who have passed away, we are inviting their family members to take part in this year's memorial," said Rep. Sandra Reeves (D-Kansas City).

The service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the House chamber of the State Capitol. For the first year, former legislators and their families are invited to attend the ceremony.



Tick-tock
Margaret Hines, a secretary in the Truman State Office Building, checks the time as she uses her lunch hour to "walk fast" around the inside of the State Capitol during a rainy day last week in Jefferson City.

Missouri eyes toll road from K.C. to Chicago

Motorists could travel at 80 mph on new highway

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A feasibility study released last week envisioning a toll road from Kansas City to Chicago may be in Missouri's future, though toll roads presently are unconstitutional in the state.

The topic of discussion in several Midwestern states, the report says the toll road could be built with private money for about \$2.2 billion.

In addition, motorists would pay up to 5.7 cents a mile and truckers 21 cents per mile to use the new road.

"The original language of this bill did not have the toll road in mind, but it does rely heavily on the proposal."

—Rep. Joe McCracken (D-Springfield)

Put together by a Kansas City-based engineering firm, the plan also would allow motorists to travel 80 miles per hour, an idea thought to attract more vehicles and pay for the toll road at a faster rate.

"This report could prove very useful to Congress and other federal officials when studying highway needs," said Wayne Muri, chief engineer of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department. "There is a growing emphasis on public and private cooperation to finance the needs of the nation's infrastructure."

The \$500,000 study was sought by federal officials and state officials in both Missouri and Illinois to determine if a toll road from Kansas City to Chicago was

feasible and what the best route would be. However, if the toll road is to be built, the Missouri and Illinois state governments must:

■ Approve legislation that makes projects funded primarily with private funds practical;

■ Transfer control from state highway segments to the toll road builders, who also would control those segments;

■ Help with the project's financing, such as purchasing right-of-ways and construction of several interchanges.

Toll roads are currently unconstitutional in Missouri, but a proposal introduced by

the tolls paid by motorists would be used to pay investors who paid for the highway construction.

The consultants for the road recommended a route that would include Interstate 35 from Kansas City north to Route 36 at Cameron, then east along Route 36 to Macon.

A new road then would be built from Macon to the state's eastern border, northeast of Hannibal. The highway then extends northeast from Quincy, Ill., to Chicago, another new road.

The highway would be 521 miles in length, and tolls would be charged on 420 miles.

Senate holds toll road fate

While proponents of the Kansas City to Chicago toll road ponder funding for the project, its ultimate fate may rest with a bill now before the Missouri Senate.

Sponsored by Rep. Joe McCracken (D-Springfield), the proposal would allow voters in Missouri to decide whether the state should operate toll roads and bridges. If the toll road and bridge measure is passed, voters would make a decision at the November general election.

Approved 122-16 in the House last week, the legislation is now before the Senate, where McCracken expects the measure to be discussed next week.

The Missouri constitution currently prohibits the establishment of toll roads in the state.

"The resolution I've proposed does have some possibility of affecting the Kansas City to Chicago feasibility," said McCracken. "To actively levy a fee per mile on a newly constructed facility is not permitted, but this bill would hopefully change that."

"This bill will require companion legislation next year to further identify some of the outlines, and that is where some tinkering would have to take place to accommodate the Chicago to

Kansas City facility, because that is a major 21st or 22nd century project. It is just a phenomenal idea of what they're thinking about doing."

The plan calls for the state Highway and Transportation Commission to finance road and bridge construction with money raised by issuing revenue bonds.

"A toll facility is one where that money is generated in Missouri and used to retire bonds for new construction in the state," he said. "Missouri would then have complete authority under new facilities identified by this project and the retirement of these bonds."

According to McCracken, there are several toll projects the state is considering. But there is only one potential toll project currently in the works for southwest Missouri: a Highway 5 bridge that would be located in the western part of Miller County expanding over Lake Ozark.

Backers of the constitutional amendment say they do not favor converting free roads into toll roads, but proponents of McCracken's measure disagree, saying it is a good way to raise money to improve state roads and bridges.

Rep. Joe McCracken (D-Springfield) to legalize the creation of toll roads in the state has been passed by the House and is awaiting approval from the Senate. McCracken, who expects the Senate to take up the bill sometime next week, said the measure could go before Missouri voters in November.

"There seems to be some people in the St. Louis area who are concerned that this bill is designed for a Kansas City loop, but it isn't," said McCracken. "The original language of this bill did not have the toll road in mind, but it does rely heavily on the proposal."

According to the study, the design and construction of the toll road would take approximately six and a half years, and

All positions not set as Lions end drills

Two sophomores still dueling at quarterback

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

With the spring football season concluded, optimism seems to have prevailed among the coaching staff.

"Spring practice went better than I anticipated," said Jon Lantz, head coach. "We got more work done than I thought we would."

According to Lantz, the NCAA decision to eliminate pads for the spring season hurt the Lions in a few key areas.

"We got very little done with our offensive and defensive linemen and our linebackers," he said. "Anybody who 'lives by

the pad' just didn't get too much done."

Lantz said the race for the quarterback position is tight between sophomores Rod Smith and Matt Cook.

"I would be hard pressed to name a starter," he said. "I have two first-team quarterbacks; both of them are winners and talented. That will be a very interesting development to keep in touch with."

Lantz named three players who stuck out in his mind as the "backbone" of the running back corps.

"[Sophomore] Scott Wynn just continues to get better and better. [Freshman] Rod Criss looks like he will play, especially in our new offense, and [junior] Cleon Burrell is very dependable."

The wide-receiver position features Heath Helsel as its major weapon.

"We feel like Helsel is a proven player and a great player, but we are still looking for our other wide receiver," said Lantz.

"Currently it's a battle between [sophomores] Bill Moten and Joe Swingle."

The battle for tight end will be between incumbent sophomore Eddie Herndon and converted linebacker Justin Hair.

Lantz said he is pleased the offensive line picked up where it left off in the fall, continuing to impress.

"We're just super pleased as a group. The two standout players right now are our two guards, John Reynolds and Mike Cherry."

On the other side of the line of scrimmage, the defensive line looks solid again with plenty of good, young talent.

"The player that stands out the most in my mind is [sophomore] Jay Pride at tackle," Lantz said. "He has become a great leader for us. I also like the work habits of our other two tackles, Stanley Johnson and Jeff Henault. We also feel quite happy with our defensive ends,

Chuck Dake and Mike Davis."

Two "hard-nosed" sophomores, Jeff Callison and Greg Prosak, are trying to break into the starting linebacker slots.

The defensive secondary might have the biggest question mark because of lack of depth.

"Our two corners will be as good as any in the conference in James Holdman and John Buchanan," said Lantz. "But after them, someone will have to step up and contribute. Trace Maxwell has done a good job at corner and free safety, and our two strong safeties, Lamont Blanford and Jason Wright, each had good springs."

The kicking position will be handled once again by second-team, all-conference kicker Rick Lairmore. Lantz said the punting position is "up for grabs."

Lions look to MIAA tournament

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Tournament time has come for the No. 1-seeded baseball Lions, 23-11 overall and 13-1 in the MIAA South Division.

Tomorrow, the Lions will play Central Missouri State University, the No. 2 seed from the North Division, at 9:30 a.m. at Northwest Missouri State University.

"This is what we play for every year," said lefthander Ken Grundt, 1-0. "We don't know much about the other teams in the tournament. That might be good, because if we would have beaten them we might have taken them lightly. That has happened in the past."

The other two representatives in the MIAA tournament are the University of Missouri-St. Louis (No. 2 seed from the South Division) and the host team, Northwest (No. 1 seed from the North). UMSL and Northwest square off at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in the double-elimination tournament. The championship game will be held Sunday afternoon.

"It is a real tribute to our kids that we are here," said Warren Turner, Southern head coach. "CMSU has been in the [NCAA Division II] World Series four years. They have good players. But this is why we play the tough schedule we do all year, so we won't be intimidated."

The Lions seem anything but intimidated by the other MIAA tourney teams.

"We have the potential to do well," said O.J. Rhone, freshman leftfielder. "We have just got to not let up when we play these teams. When we have the chance to score we've got to do it, or they'll come back on us. When the other team is down, we've got to put them away."

Southern is counting on its pitching staff to carry the load.

"Right now the pitchers are throwing really well," said sophomore catcher Kevin Koch. "They really haven't had any bad outings. They are throwing strikes, and everyone is contributing."

Senior right-hander Mike Stebbins, 20-9 in his collegiate career, is regarded as the staff ace.

Golf squad shoots season best

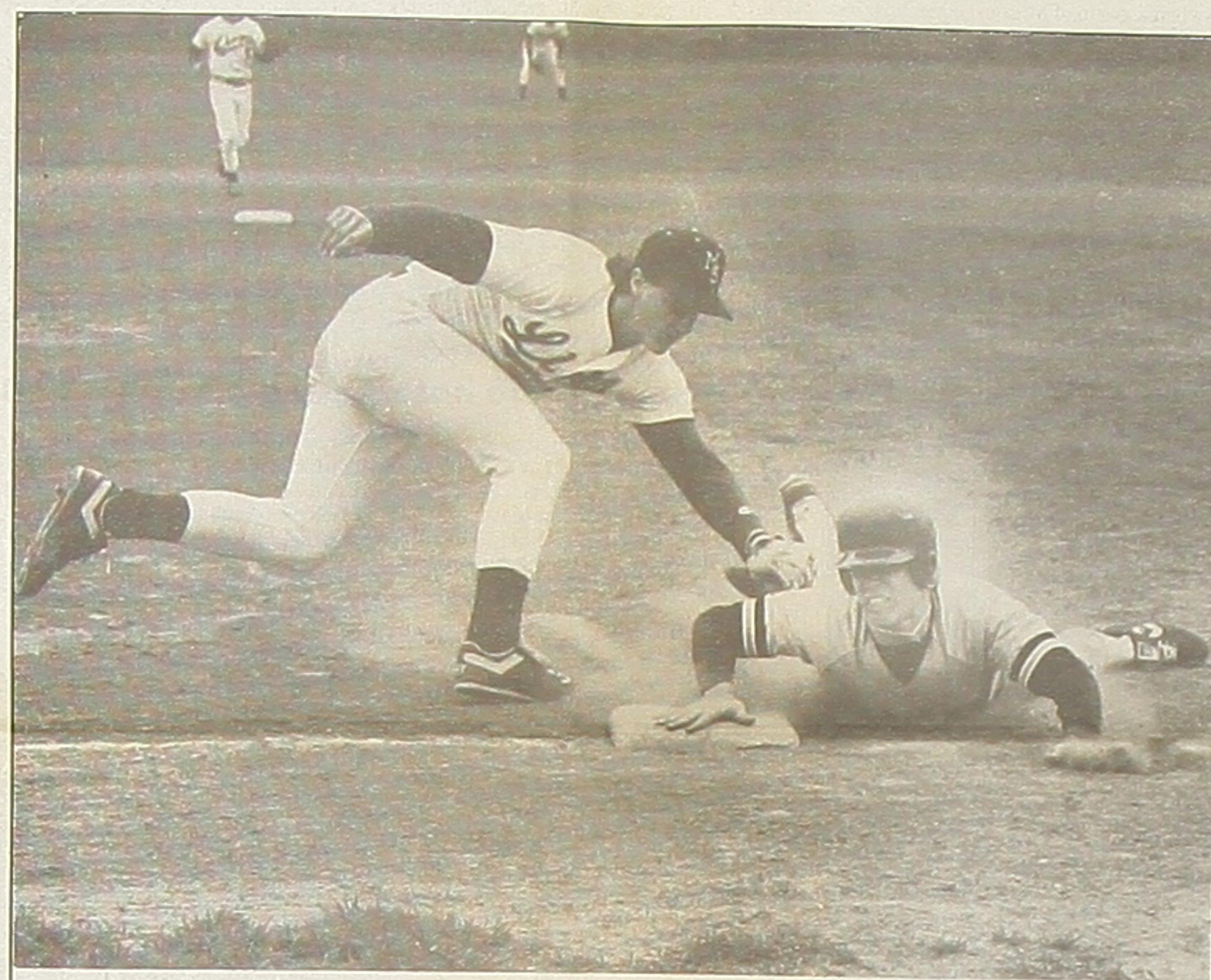
Coming off their best finish of the year, the golf team travels to Osage Beach Monday for its first appearance in the MIAA Championships.

The two-day, 54-hole tournament will be played on the par 71 Oaks layout at Tan-Tar-A.

"They are chomping at the bit to get back up there and play that golf course," said Bill Cox, head coach, whose team competed in the Missouri Intercollegiate Invitational, also at the Oaks, earlier this year. "We'll just have to take the blinders off and see what they can do."

A season-best total of 618 in the Missouri Western Invitational was enough for a fifth-place finish in the 11-team field. Kyle Catron and Chris Claassen paced the Lions with totals of 149 (77-72) and 151 (72-79), respectively. Mike Crain (156), Jon Anderson (162), and Dustin Borland (175) completed the scoring.

"We played very well at St. Joesph," said Cox. "If we can just get all four freshmen playing together we should be fine. We are going to Tan-Tar-A to try and win the tournament, and if everyone plays well we can win it."



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCILL

Safe! Lions' third baseman Rocky Williams applies the late tag as a player for the University of Missouri-Rolla slides in safely during Southern's sweep of the Miners last week at Joe Becker Stadium.

Coach's debut proves successful

Player says victory shows soccer program is not 'dead' and 'still deserves respect'

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

In his coaching debut at the college level, former Lion soccer player Scott Poertner led Missouri Southern to a 6-0 record in a tournament held at Wichita State University last weekend.

"It feels really good to start out my college coaching career with a big win," said Poertner. "The team played well and the guys had a good time."

The Lions opened the tournament by edging defending champion Kansas University 1-0 and a Ponca City, Okla., club 4-0 Saturday. Southern downed Sterling (Kan.) College 1-0, Texas Tech 3-0, and Blackwatch, a team of Kansas junior college players, 4-0, to move into the finals.

Butch Cummisky and Chuck Mathis scored goals to lead the Lions past Texas A&M 2-0 in the title match.

Mathis said he is impressed with Poertner's style of coaching and thinks the team is receptive to its new coach.

"The attitude of the team is very good," he said. "Coach is great, and the team is excited he is here."

Mathis said the victories last weekend proved to the other teams and to Southern the soccer program is not "dead."

"Southern soccer is still tough," he said. "We proved that last weekend. The program is still there and still deserves respect."

Saturday, the Lions will host Southwest Missouri State University in a 3:30 contest at the soccer field. On Saturday, May 5, Southern will travel to Springfield to end its season against SMSU. Poertner said he has been able to distinguish individual strengths in the players.

"I have gotten a pretty good idea of which players will be stronger at which

positions," he said. "If recruiting is successful, next season's team should be fairly strong."

According to Poertner, recruiting has been going rather slow. He said it has been rather difficult for him to recruit because he is not living in this area.

"I am planning to move to Joplin in May and concentrate my recruiting efforts in Tulsa, Kansas City, and St. Louis," Poertner said. "But I feel lucky because I have all of my players returning. That is terrific for a first-year coach."

Poertner said team members living in the area are planning a mini-camp for area children sometime this summer.

"I look forward to the season next fall," he said. "I think next year's Lion soccer team will be a tough competitor in the MIAA."

"My goal for this season was to be able to compete with the MIAA teams," Bodine added. "Our No. 1 and No. 2 singles and our No. 1 doubles are able to, but we need to improve the middle of our ladder."

Mayberry went on to lose the match 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, while Adriana Rodriguez and Melissa Woods cruised to victory. Rodriguez and Woods also paired for a No. 1 doubles victory, 6-3, 7-6.

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